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OPA Daily Digest for 9/5/13

Congressional Inquiries:

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) 9/3/13: Questions about the West Lake Landfill in Bridgeton. Due: 9/6/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (closed)

Sen. Roy Blunt (Mo.) 9/4/13: Concerns about local contractors not being paid for work done in Bonne Terre. Due: 9/6/13. Contact: LaTonya Sanders, 7555 (open)

Sen. Chuck Grassley (Iowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

Sen. Tom Harkin (Iowa): 8/27/13: Additional questions on the NPDES permit to the Council Bluffs Water Works. Contact: Sarah Hatch 7199 (open)

State Government Inquiries:

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo): 9/4/13: Questions on Westlake PRP. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Rep. Bill Otto (Mo): 9/4/13: Questions on status of TASC request. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (open)

Rep. Karla May (Mo): 9/5/13: Constituent questions on contract process for Carter. Contact: Sarah Hatch, 7199 (closed)

Press Inquiries:

None

Environmental Stories:

KMOX Radio St. Louis - EPA To Release St. Louis County Water Test Results - 9/4/13 – Federal regulators will share their cleanup plans this week with residents of a St. Louis County neighborhood where contaminated groundwater lingers from a 25-year-old industrial accident. <http://stlouis.cbslocal.com/2013/09/04/epa-to-release-st-louis-county-water-test-results/>

High Plains Journal - Despite opposition, Corps proceeds to dump soil into Missouri River - 9/2/13 - The U.S. Corps of Engineers intends to move forward with a project that includes dumping excavated soil in the Missouri River north of Arrow Rock, Mo. <http://www.hpi.com/archives/2013/sep13/sep2/0828SoilDumpingsr.cfm>

Inside EPA - EPA Water Rule Could Stymie Suit Over Mississippi Basin Nutrient Limits - 9/4/13 - EPA's just-published proposal for preempting state water quality standards could undercut ongoing litigation by environmentalists seeking to force the agency to invoke that authority to craft strict new nutrient limits for states in the Mississippi River basin -- but only if the agency's planned rule changes are completed before the lawsuit is resolved. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/epa-water-rule-could-stymie-suit-over-mississippi-basin-nutrient-limits/menu-id-67.html>

Omaha World-Herald - Midlands Voices: Facts indicate KXL pipeline would be safe - 9/5/13 - The development and operation of pipelines have played a critical role in developing the economy of rural Nebraska. The current Keystone pipeline was routed, constructed and operates in an effective and respectful manner. Using fear and misinformation to predict that the Keystone XL pipeline will perform worse is to ignore reality. <http://www.omaha.com/article/20130905/NEWS08/130909392>

The Hill - EPA, Energy Dept. chiefs to appear at House climate hearing - 9/4/13 - House Republicans have snagged high-profile witnesses for a Sept. 18 hearing on the White House's new climate plan: Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Gina McCarthy and Energy Secretary Ernest Moniz. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/320345-epa-energy-dept-chiefs-to-appear-at-house-climate-hearing>

Des Moines Register - Iowa City reaches \$1.85 million landfill fire settlement - 9/5/13 - The city of Iowa City has reached a \$1.85 million insurance settlement over last year's costly landfill fire. <http://www.desmoinesregister.com/article/20130905/NEWS/309050083/1001/>

Wichita Eagle - 'Blend wall' could mean oil industry ethanol costs will be passed on to consumers - 9/4/13 - The industry has hit what's known as the "blend wall." Hitting the blend wall is causing a host of complications for the ethanol industry, the Environmental Protection Agency, Congress, the petroleum industry and, maybe, the driving public. <http://www.kansas.com/2013/09/04/2981570/blend-wall-could-mean-oil-industry.html>

Fremont Tribune (Neb.) - MUD president resigns to join private energy firm - 9/4/13 - The president of the Omaha utility that provides water and natural gas service throughout the area has resigned to take a job with a private energy firm, Tenaska. http://fremonttribune.com/news/state-and-regional/mud-president-resigns-to-join-private-energy-firm/article_79290e85-4f52-5f54-89bc-24d7db8fcb73.html

Topeka Capital-Journal - Kansas State researcher's team shows Clean Air Act helped forests recover - 9/2/13 - A collaborative project involving a Kansas State University ecologist has shown that the Clean Air Act has helped forest systems recover from decades of sulfur pollution and acid rain. <http://cjonline.com/news/2013-09-03/kansas-state-researchers-team-shows-clean-air-act-helped-forests-recover>
Widely Reported

Iowa State Daily (Ames, Iowa) - Online horticulture class focuses on green roofs - 9/4/13 - A new class this semester focuses on one specific kind of horticulture: green roofs. The class cover design, installation and management of high rise gardens, otherwise known as green roofs. http://www.iowastatedaily.com/news/article_ff070f10-14c7-11e3-a4d7-001a4bcf887a.html

Inside Climate - Five Months After Oil Spill, Sickened Mayflower Residents Offered Free Health Assessments - 9/4/13 - Is it too little, too late? That's the question Mayflower residents are asking now that the state is finally offering them access to free health assessments five months after a ruptured ExxonMobil pipeline emptied 210,000 gallons of heavy crude into their city 25 miles northwest of Little Rock. <http://insideclimatenews.org/news/20130904/five-months-after-oil-spill-sickened-mayflower-residents-offered-free-health-assessments>

The Detroit News - Editorial: Accelerate energy production boom - 9/4/13 - Government should speed oil infrastructure improvements. The pipeline and road infrastructure needed to bring petroleum to market are groaning under government negligence, slowing growth in the U.S. <http://www.detroitnews.com/article/20130904/OPINION01/309040010#ixzz2e1m1FeJB>

Biofuels Digest - Fixing Rufus: Congress, 2013 and the Renewable Fuel Standard - 9/4/13 - As choruses of opponents and supporters clash, the Digest looks at how the RFS might be amended, or what 2013-14 might look like if it is "business as usual." <http://www.biofuelsdigest.com/bdigest/2013/09/04/fixing-rufus-congress-2013-and-the-renewable-fuel->

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ClimateWire - Deteriorating water security increases need for government action -- report - 9/4/13 - The risks posed by too much or too little water, exacerbated by climate change, are fundamentally reshaping the future for fresh water and demanding the world adopt new forward-looking policies.

<http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059986671/feed>

ClimateWire - DOE study finds wind farms have no economic impact on neighbors - 9/4/13 - A new study from the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory finds that wind farms have no measurable effect on real estate prices in communities where turbines are built within 10 miles of homes. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059986673/feed>

Brownfield Ag News - Improved rainfall chance pressures soybeans, corn - 9/4/13 - Soybeans were sharply lower on fund and technical selling. The condition rating was down over the past week and the crop's developing slowly, but there's a slightly greater chance for rain in the weekend forecast. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/09/04/improved-rainfall-chance-pressures-soybeans-corn/>

Planet Ark - World Bank targets air pollution in climate battle - 9/4/13 - The World Bank said on Tuesday it was planning "aggressive action" to help developing nations cut emissions of soot and other air pollutants blamed for causing climate change. <http://planetark.org/enviro-news/item/69656>

Associated Press - Japan's radioactive water leaks: How dangerous? - 9/4/13 - New revelations of contaminated water leaking from storage tanks at the tsunami-ravaged Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power plant have raised alarm, coming just weeks after Japanese officials acknowledged that radioactive water has been seeping into the Pacific from the plant for more than two years. http://www.stltoday.com/news/world/japan-s-radioactive-water-leaks-how-dangerous/article_e6f80b1c-e2cb-5348-9021-9e19d4494471.html

Transmission & Distribution World - Renewable Energy Accounts for Nearly 50% of Added Capacity in US in 2012 - 9/4/13 - US deployment of clean energy technology continues to rise, with renewables accounting for close to 50% of added capacity. <http://tdworld.com/generation-renewables/renewable-energy-accounts-nearly-50-added-capacity-us-2012>

ClimateWire - Coal-fired power, hit hard by natural gas, could see further market erosion from regulations -- report - 9/5/13 - As the largest power grid in North America, the Eastern Interconnection encompasses 39 U.S. states, eight Canadian provinces and the District of Columbia. Some 84 percent of all U.S. coal-fired capacity falls within its jurisdiction. <http://www.eenews.net/climatewire/stories/1059986741/feed>

Environment News Service – Air Pollution Blamed for 200,00 Early U.S. Deaths Each Year – 9/4/13 - Polluted air causes roughly 200,000 early deaths each year across the United States, researchers from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology conclude after tracking emissions from industrial smokestacks, vehicle tailpipes, marine and rail transport, and commercial and residential heating. <http://ens-newswire.com/2013/09/04/air-pollution-blamed-for-200000-early-u-s-deaths-each-year/>

Kansas City Star - Kansas backs out of landfill agreement with Johnson County - 9/3/13 - A 30-year-old agreement between Johnson County and the state of Kansas about how and when the landfill is inspected has been summarily canceled by the state, leaving questions about how the two governments will interact to keep the water supply safe. <http://www.kansascity.com/2013/09/03/4455482/kansas-backs-out-of-landfill-agreement.html>

Brownfield Ag News - Analysis finds 'steady decline' in Iowa's nitrate levels – 9/5/13 - Iowa agriculture received plenty of criticism following this spring's big spike in nitrate levels in the Raccoon River, a main source of drinking water for the city of Des Moines. Some of the strongest criticism has come from Des Moines Water CEO Bill Stowe, who is in charge of the city's nitrate removal facility. <http://brownfieldagnews.com/2013/09/05/analysis-finds-steady-decline-iowas-nitrate-levels/>

PCB 007 - Former Ozark Circuits' Site Undergoes EPA Cleanup - 9/5/13 - EPA Region 7 will soon begin a time-critical removal action at the Ozark Circuits Site, 933 West Chase Street in Springfield, Greene County, Missouri. All hazardous substances at the site will be sampled, containerized, and sent off-site for disposal. <http://www.pcb007.com/pages/zone.cgi?a=94523>

The Hill - Enviro groups press Supreme Court to revive major EPA air pollution rule - 9/5/13 - Green groups are warning the Supreme Court that upholding a lower court's

nullification of a major 2011 pollution rule would prevent regulators from ever tackling unhealthy power plant emissions that cross state lines. <http://thehill.com/blogs/e2-wire/e2-wire/320431-enviro-groups-press-supreme-court-to-revive-major-epa-air-pollution-rule>

Inside EPA - EPA Fights Environmentalists' Claim Of No Power To Soften Cement MACT - 9/5/13 - EPA is fighting environmentalists' suit claiming the agency lacked Clean Air Act authority to soften emission limits and extend compliance dates in its Portland cement sector maximum achievable control technology (MACT) air toxics rule. <http://insideepa.com/201309052445849/EPA-Daily-News/Daily-News/epa-fights-environmentalists-claim-of-no-power-to-soften-cement-mact/menu-id-95.html>

BNA - EPA Says States Should List Polluted Waters Even in Absence of Numeric Nutrient Criteria - 9/6/13 - A memorandum issued Sept. 4 by the Environmental Protection Agency urges states to assess and report on waters polluted by nitrogen and phosphorus even if the states do not have numeric water quality criteria or specific methods for assessing the extent of the pollution. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36197502&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1g7m2b0&split=0

BNA - Utilities Say EPA Allowed Insufficient Time For Coal Ash Comments; Others Urge Action - 9/6/13 - Utilities and industry groups say EPA has not provided adequate time to respond to a notice of data availability relevant to its coal ash rulemaking, while environmentalists condemn rulemaking delays. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36197498&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1g5u4p1&split=0

BNA - EPA Sends Proposed Renewable Fuel Standard Rule for 2014 to OMB for Review - 9/6/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency sent its proposed rule setting out renewable fuel mandates for 2014 to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review, according to information released Sept. 4. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36197486&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1g5h2t6&split=0

BNA - EPA Releases 'Road Map' to Revitalize Cities With Large Auto Manufacturing Sectors - 9/6/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency released a toolkit Sept. 4 to help cities with large auto manufacturing sectors to clean up contamination, revive manufacturing, improve infrastructure, and create more sustainable communities. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36197491&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1g5n6m4&split=0

BNA - Global Coalition Pledges to Scale Up Efforts To Cut Short-Lived Climate Pollutants - 9/6/13 - Government officials, company executives, and leaders of nonprofit organizations pledge to rapidly scale up their efforts to reduce short-lived climate pollutants. http://news.bna.com/deln/display/story_list.adp?mode=ep&frag_id=36197500&item=topic2&prod=deln

BNA - EPA Seeking Comments on Reconsideration Of Air Rule for Backup Stationary Engines - 9/6/13 - The Environmental Protection Agency will accept public comments through Nov. 4 on its decision to reconsider three issues in air pollution standards for backup stationary engines that generate electricity, including the 2015 compliance date for requiring ultra low-sulfur diesel fuel, according to a notice to be published Sept. 5. http://news.bna.com/deln/DELNWB/split_display.adp?fedfid=36197492&vname=dennotallissues&jd=a0e1g5n7z7&split=0

Inside EPA - EPA Reopens Comment On Diesel Generator Air Rules - 9/4/13 - EPA is reopening the public comment period on three key provisions of its diesel generator air rules in response to requests to reconsider the regulations, including when owners must switch to cleaner-burning diesel and be subject to new reporting requirements. <http://insideepa.com/201309042445758/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/epa-reopens-comment-on-diesel-generator-air-rules/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Cities Seek To Revive Nutrient Challenge - 9/4/13 - A group of New Hampshire municipalities is seeking to re-start a lawsuit challenging EPA's stringent nutrient permit limits for wastewater treatment plants in the area. <http://insideepa.com/201309042445740/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/cities-seek-to-revive-nutrient-challenge/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - Group Targets Upcoming Climate Report - 9/4/13 - A coalition of conservative and other groups that question whether anthropogenic emissions are responsible for climate change are poised to release a report that its members hope will undercut dire findings on the risks of climate change soon to be issued by the UN-affiliated Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC). <http://insideepa.com/201309042445745/EPA-Blog/The-Inside-Story/group-targets-upcoming-climate-report/menu-id-97.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Plan To Review Oldest Effluent Standards Wins Praise From States - 9/4/13 - EPA's preliminary plan for crafting new or revised effluent limitation guidelines (ELG) indicates that the agency will not be developing any new sector-based discharge limits over the next two years. <http://insideepa.com/201309042445705/EPA-Daily-News/Daily->

[News/epa-plan-to-review-oldest-effluent-standards-wins-praise-from-states/menu-id-95.html](http://www.epa.gov/newsroom/News/epa-plan-to-review-oldest-effluent-standards-wins-praise-from-states/menu-id-95.html)

Inside EPA - Court Rulings Highlight EPA's Mixed Record On 'Cooperative Federalism' - 9/6/2013 - Recent appellate rulings backing EPA air regulations highlight the agency's mixed record on how it satisfies a Clean Air Act "cooperative federalism" goal of balancing its regulatory powers and those given to states. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/court-rulings-highlight-epas-mixed-record-on-cooperative-federalism/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - EPA Seeks Rehearing Of Ruling Backing Five-Year Limit On Filing NSR Suits - 9/4/13 - EPA is asking the full U.S. Court of Appeals for the 7th Circuit to rehear a three-judge panel ruling unanimously finding that the agency's Clean Air Act new source review (NSR) permit enforcement program is subject to the five-year statute of limitations. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/epa-seeks-rehearing-of-ruling-backing-five-year-limit-on-filing-nsr-suits/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - FDA Plans To Revisit Use Of EPA's Bacteria Standard In Food Safety Plan - 9/4/13 - The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) plans to revise a proposed rule that would require water used to irrigate many crops to meet EPA's controversial water quality criteria for recreational waters. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/fda-plans-to-revisit-use-of-epas-bacteria-standard-in-food-safety-plan/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Obama Faces Limits Using Executive Power For Second Term EPA Agenda - 9/4/13 - President Obama is using executive power to circumvent Congress and achieve key EPA policy goals in his second term, such as crafting utility climate rules and improving chemical security regulation. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/obama-faces-limits-using-executive-power-for-second-term-epa-agenda/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Early Comments Signal Major Battle Over Pending EPA Review Of Atrazine - 9/4/13 - As EPA prepares to consider whether to reregister atrazine, early comments on the agency's review plans suggest the registration process is likely to result in a major battle between industry groups and environmentalists before EPA completes its work in 2016. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/early-comments-signal-major-battle-over-pending-epa-review-of-atrazine/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Administration Split Stymies Planned Policy Clarifying Water Law's Reach - 9/4/13 - Months after announcing it was launching a rulemaking to clarify the reach of the Clean Water Act (CWA), the Obama administration remains divided on whether EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers should issue guidance detailing its policy as an interim measure until a formal rulemaking is completed. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/administration-split-stymies-planned-policy-clarifying-water-laws-reach/menu-id-67.html>

Inside EPA - Creating Court Split, Ruling Backs Contribution Claims After State Law Pacts - 9/4/13 - In a ruling of first impression, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 3rd Circuit has found that responsible parties settling their state-law liability for environmental contamination can sue other parties under federal Superfund law for contribution. <http://insideepa.com/Inside-EPA/Inside-EPA-09/06/2013/creating-court-split-ruling-backs-contribution-claims-after-state-law-pacts/menu-id-67.html>

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Press Releases:

Link to all R7 press releases: <http://go.usa.gov/Qx5>

None

Fact Sheets:

Link to all R7 fact sheets: <http://www.epa.gov/region7/factsheets>

None

Upcoming Administrator/RA Events:

* New additions noted with an asterisk

9/9/13 - Interagency Environmental Leadership Council, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Ron Hammerschmidt, 7566

9/13/13 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson, Kan. Contact: Kris Lancaster, 7557

10/15/13 - 2013 Fall Water Symposium, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Karen Flournoy, 7782

10/29-30/13 - SES National Executive Leadership Development Conference, Washington, DC. Contact: Becky Weber, 7487

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RA/Immediate Office

None

Other Events

AWMD

None

CNSL

None

ECO/EJ

9/10 - 13/13 – EJ Coordinators Meeting and NEJAC, Atlanta, Ga. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649, and Tamara Freeman, 7094

9/24 - 25/13 – EJ Small Grant Coordinators Workshop, Arlington, Va. Contact: Brendan Corazzin, 7429

10/9/13 – Black Health Care Coalition EJ Small Grant Kick Off, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

11/1/2013 – EJ Presentation at Children's Mercy Hospital, Kansas City, Mo. Contact: Althea Moses, 7649

ENSV

None

PLMG

None

RA/OPA

None

SUPR

None

WWPD

9/4-6/13 – Kansas Geological Seminar and meeting with the Kansas Corporation Commission, Wichita, Kan. Contacts: David Garrett, 7159, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/5-6/13 – Regulatory Environmental Group for Missouri, 2013 Missouri Water Seminar, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Karen Flourney, 7782, John DeLashmit, 7821

9/9/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/9-10/13 – Nebraska Public Water System Supervision Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Morris Holmes, 7421

9/9-13/13 – Nebraska Health and Human Services End of Year Commitments Program Review, Lincoln, Neb. Contact: Ken Deason, 7585

9/10-12/13 – EPA Water Division Directors Meeting, Alexandria, Va. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

9/11/13 – Missouri Clean Water Commission Meeting, Jefferson City, Mo. Contacts: John DeLashmit, 7821, Bob Angelo, 7060, Ann Lavaty, 7370

9/13/13 – KU WaterWorks keynote address, Lawrence, Kan. Contact: Karen Flourney, 7782

9/16/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/16-20/13 – Sanitary Survey Training, Mt Pleasant, Mich. Contact: Kimberly Willis, 7069

9/18/13 - Missouri Water Enforcement Association, Stormwater/Watershed Management Conference, Columbia, Mo. Contacts: Tabatha Adkins, 7128, Bruce Perkins, 7067

9/22-26/13 – Ground Water Protection Council meeting with other state Primacy Agencies, St. Louis, Mo. Contacts: Mary Tietjen-Mindrup, 7431, Kurt Hildebrandt, 7413

9/23/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

9/30/13 - Kansas Department of Health and Environment program implementation issues, Topeka, Kan. Contact: Steve Schaff, 7447

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